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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

DAVENPORT ET AL.

Examiner

Dao L. Phan

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 15-17, 19-32, 35-37 and 39-48 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-14, 18, 33-34, 38, 49 and 54-60 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 50-53 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 13-14, 18, 33-34, 38, 49, 54-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gannaway (GB 2376585) or Bombardier et al (WO 03/027706).

Gannaway teaches a system and a method for determining a position of a moving platform including transmitting a carrier signal from one of the moving platform and a stationary platform, receiving a received signal at the other of the moving and stationary platforms, deriving a frequency shift between the carrier signal and the received signal, calculating the apparent closing velocity using the frequency shift and a frequency of the carrier signal, and estimating the position of the moving platform by monitoring the apparent closing velocity over a period of time; wherein the stationary platform comprises a transmitter coupled to a railway track, and wherein the moving platform is a locomotive. See abstract; p. 5, lines 10-19, p. 6, lines 7-10, p. 10, lines 4-13, p. 8, line 26-p. 9, line 11; fig. 2.

Bombardier et al teach a system and a method for determining a position of a moving platform including transmitting a carrier signal from one of the moving platform and a stationary platform, receiving a received signal at the other of the moving and stationary platforms, deriving a frequency shift between the carrier signal and the

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received signal, calculating the apparent closing velocity using the frequency shift and a frequency of the carrier signal, and estimating the position of the moving platform by monitoring the apparent closing velocity over a period of time; wherein the stationary platform comprises a transmitter coupled to a railway track, and wherein the moving platform is a locomotive. See abstract; p. 2, lines 5-14, p. 3, lines 13-15, p. 4, lines 10-21, p. 7, lines 18-26.

3. Claims 50-53 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim; but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Claims 1-12, 15-17, 19-32, 35-37, 39-48 are allowed.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dao L. Phan whose telephone number is (703)306-4167. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tarcza Thomas can be reached on (703)306-4171. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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